

MINUTES AND REPORT

OF

MEETING OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

held at 369 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne on Tuesday, 26th August 1980, commencing at 12.30 p.m.

1. PRESENT

Mr. M. Rundle
Mr. E. J. Long
Mr. W. W. Rawlinson

2. AMENDMENT OF RULES

The meeting considered the resolution of the 1979 Annual General Meeting requiring the Council to make a detailed study of possible alternative procedures for election or appointment of members of Council and to submit recommendations to the next Annual General Meeting.

It noted the recommendations submitted to the Council from its last meeting on 11th February 1980 were rejected by Council.

After detailed discussion on current provisions and alternative, the meeting agreed to recommend to Council that the constitution be amended to provide for a Council of ten, one of whom will be the nominee of the Cooperative Advisory Council. It was agreed the remaining 9 members would be elected from nominations from members for three year terms with three Councillors retiring annually.

3. DEFINITION OF COOPERATIVE SOCIETY IN THE COOPERATION ACT

The meeting considered a proposal that a recommendation be made to Council for a submission to be made to the Registrar of Cooperative Societies for the Cooperation Act to contain a specific definition of a Cooperative Society as one subscribing to the four basic Principles of Cooperation

Open Membership
Democratic Control
Limited interest on share capital
Surplus distribution in proportion to patronage
of Cooperatives.

After consideration of the merits of inclusion at Section 3 or Division I Section 4(1) and the current provision for "Societies" as defined to include Associations and Unions it was agreed the proposal should be the subject of further study prior to formalising any recommendations.

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

The Legislation Committee terminated its business and considered

- (i) Future relationship of the Cooperative Federation of Australia and the Cooperative Federation of Victoria and agreed that in the event of the CFA Council proposal for development of a trading

operation in Fleet Vehicle purchase not coming to fruition before early September 1980, the President of the CFA should be invited to attend a meeting of a Committee of CFV comprising

The President
Vice President
Messrs. Long and Macintosh

in the week commencing 8th September 1980.

(ii) 1980 Annual Congress:

The meeting was advised the Minister for Agriculture has agreed to attend between 2.30 and 3 p.m.

5. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1.45 p.m.